

The State of South Carolina

#1562
Library



Office of the Attorney General

T. TRAVIS MEDLOCK
ATTORNEY GENERAL

REMBERT C. DENNIS BUILDING
POST OFFICE BOX 11549
COLUMBIA, S.C. 29211
TELEPHONE 803-758-3970

April 30, 1985

Ms. Doris Brantley
Executive Secretary
S.C. State Board of Cosmetology
1209 Blanding Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Ms. Brantley:

By your letter of March 26, 1985, you have asked whether a cosmetologist can apply for a manicurist or esthetician examination and subsequently be licensed in addition to holding a cosmetologist license. If the answer is affirmative, you have asked whether this would require the cosmetologist to complete the required course hours in a school offering manicurist and esthetician courses.

Your first question is answered in part by an opinion of this Office, No. 83-38, dated July 11, 1983, concluding that a licensed cosmetologist is not required to obtain a separate license as an esthetician to practice skin care, make-up, or similar work. The basis for the opinion is the definition of the practice of cosmetology found at Section 40-13-10(1), Code of Laws of South Carolina (1984 Cum.Supp.). The opinion states:

Since the definition of cosmetology appears to encompass the same type of work as an esthetician performs, a licensed cosmetologist would not have to obtain a separate license to perform this type of work.

Applying the reasoning of Opinion No. 83-38 to the situation in which a cosmetologist would perform the same functions as a manicurist (manicuring or pedicuring), the same result would be reached, since the practice of cosmetology by definition includes manicuring and pedicuring.

REQUEST LETTER

Continuation Sheet Number Two
To: Ms. Doris Brantley
April 30, 1985

Because a cosmetologist is already licensed to perform the same functions as an esthetician or manicurist, no separate or additional license is necessary. Because an additional license would not be required, it is unnecessary to address your second question concerning completion of course hours.

A copy of Opinion No. 83-38 is enclosed for your use, please advise us if additional assistance or clarification is needed.

Sincerely,

Patricia D. Petway
Patricia D. Petway
Assistant Attorney General

PDP:djg

Enclosure

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

Robert D. Cook
Robert D. Cook
Executive Assistant for Opinions